

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 451
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sherrod B. "Mike" Clarke
for meritorious service to the citizens of
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Sherrod B. "Mike" Clarke, who on January 23, 2005, was inducted as the 60th President of the Tennessee Road Builders Association (TRBA) at the organizations 77th Annual Meeting; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Knoxville, Mr. Clarke serves with acumen and integrity as the Mid-South Division President of Vulcan Materials Company, a position from which he oversees more than 800 employees at forty-six facilities in Tennessee, Kentucky, and southwestern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, this native Virginian first began working for Vulcan Materials Company in 1979 and has, as a result of his knowledge of the industry and his leadership capabilities, steadily risen to the position he now holds; and

WHEREAS, Mike Clarke has also dedicated these very traits to the TRBA, serving in numerous capacities throughout his tenure with the organization. He has rendered sterling service as the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Third Vice President, and the Chairman of the Aggregate Division; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clarke is a graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, from which he earned a Bachelor's degree in Accounting; and

WHEREAS, in his all too rare spare time, Mr. Clarke enjoys hitting the links with his wife; and

WHEREAS, his many personal and professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Clarke is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Jeanne; and

WHEREAS, Mike Clarke epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Clarke for his dedication to the road building industry and making this State's exemplary highway system even better; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Sherrod B. "Mike" Clarke on his election and recent induction as the 60th President of the Tennessee Road Builders Association, honor and commend him for his meritorious service to the transportation needs of his fellow Tennesseans, and extend to him our best wishes for every success during his Presidency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.